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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONCERN REGARDING THE PHASING OF NAVAL VISITS. WE DISCUSSED THESE CONCERNS WITH AMBASSADOR TOON WHO SHARES THEM. HOWEVER, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT GIVEN THE FACT THAT A RECIPROCAL SHIP VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA HAS ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED AND HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR JUNE 7 THROUGH 11, AND GIVEN THE NAVY'S NEED FOR PORT CALLS, WE HAVE WITH AMBASSADOR TOON'S CONCURRENCE, APPROVED THE YARNELL'S VISIT TO HAIFA JUNE 22 THROUGH JUNE 25.

2. IN APPROVING THIS VISIT, WE HAVE MADE NAVY AWARE OF THE EMBASSY'S CONCERNS AND ITS SUGGESTION REGARDING THE USE OF EILAT. WE WILL WORK WITH NAVY TO SPACE VISITS TO ISRAEL WITH LESS FREQUENCY AND WORK UP GRADUALLY TO ROUTINE VISITS.
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